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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ASSAY DEVICES ✓

**AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 3 and 12 as follow:

*3. (Amended)* An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the chip substantially covers the area of the base.

*12. (Amended)* An assembly according to claim 11, wherein the array comprises three storage wells.

Please add new claims 16-19 as follow:

*--16.* An assembly according to claim 12, wherein the three storage wells are arranged in a line.--

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